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ROTARY CLUB OF PEARL HARBOR

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Hiroshima - Pearl Harbor Medallion
Commemorating the 50th Anniversary of WW
II

I have been a "Rotarian" since 1985 as a member of the Rotary Club of Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. It is, perhaps, the only Rotary Club where everybody in the "Rotary World" knows where it is.

In 1991, I had the high honor and privilege of serving as the President of the Pearl Harbor Club. It was during my tenure that the United States observed the 50th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor by the Japanese. President Bush came to Hawaii and ceremonies held aboard the USS Arizona Memorial were poignant, to say the least.

The City of Honolulu has a sister city compact with Hiroshima, Japan, and since 1983, Rotary Club of Pearl Harbor has a similar arrangement with the Rotary Club of Hiroshima Southeast. Our two clubs exchange visits every other year. During my year of 1991, it was Hiroshima's turn to visit Pearl Harbor. Our two clubs decided to adopt a song, and we found one quite suitable in the "Glory and Praise" songbook, entitled "A Time For Building Bridges". We had the song translated into Japanese and asked the Reverend Carey Landry, the writer, for permission to use his song, and moved forward. Building bridges of friendship has been the theme of our two Rotary clubs' relationship over the years, so this song automatically has a special meaning.

AUGUST 28, 1996

When the Hiroshima Rotarians visited in 1991, we agreed to plant two trees of friendship in a Pearl City park along the shore of Pearl Harbor with the Arizona Memorial in the background. Approximately 50 Rotarians (25 from each side) were in attendance. The World Monitor, WGBH from Boston, provided live coverage on television and it was aired to Japan and the United States. It was a moving ceremony. Our side sang the National Anthem and the Japanese sang their National Anthem. A Hawaiian "golden ager" senior citizen sang Hawaii Pono, the state anthem, and said a prayer in the Hawaiian language. We made short speeches, planted the two trees and unveiled a small plaque dedicating the site. Everybody poured a scoop of dirt over each tree and then we all held hands and sang the Rotarv song.

One of the Hiroshima SE Rotarian, Mr. Seiki Hirotani, lost 6 members of his family during the atomic bombing. However, he was able to look beyond the hurt and he forged ahead with forming the sister club relationship with retired Navy Captain Bob Deibler, then our club president. Mr. Hirotani, now a retired businessman, owns a company that provides automobile parts for Mazda Motors. He travels throughout the world pursuing his hobby of photography. Each year he produces calendars featuring exotic countries and donates all revenues to charity.

In 1995, the 50th anniversary of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima, was the year in which Hiroshima Rotarians should have visited Hawaii, but to allow us the opportunity to be present during this historic time, we skipped visiting Hiroshima in 1994 and resumed this year. The observances in Hiroshima were

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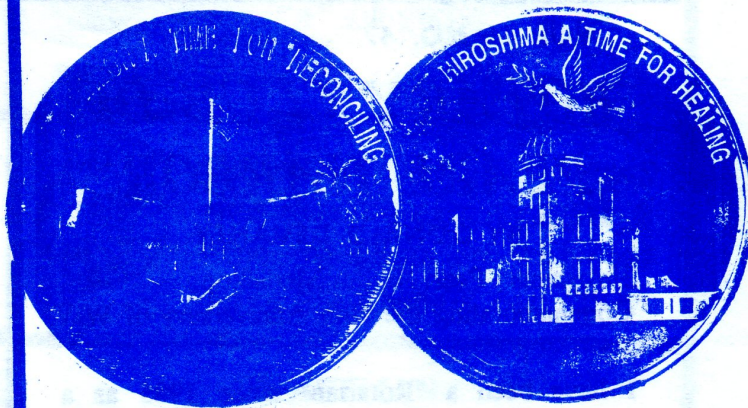
colossal. The Prime Minister of Japan, the heads of each house of the Diet, the Chief Justice of the Japanese Supreme Court, the Secretary General of the United Nations and 60,000 invited guests were on hand August 6, 1995.

To commemorate this occasion, my club authorized me to design a medallion. After many attempts, I decided to focus on the Arizona Memorial and the Hiroshima Dome. From our song we extracted two words--*healing and reconciling*--and placed the dove of peace on both sides of the medallion. Charlie Matsuda, a local artist who worked with me at Tripler Hospital, did the actual drawing and it was his idea to include the doves. I had the medallion struck with the help of C. Peter Pires, Security Officer for the US Korean Exchange Services. He used the mint owned by Mr. Yang Ung Chon in Seoul, Korea. In August, I was the co-chairman of the Hawaii delegation to Hiroshima and we presented to the Mayor of Hiroshima, Takashi Hiraoka, a 3.5 inch bronze copy on August 5, 1995 in ceremonies held in his office. When he gave his Hiroshima speech on August 6, 1995, it was the first time any Japanese official publicly apologized to the world for the "unbearable suffering that Japanese colonial domination and war inflicted on so many people." A few days later, the Japanese Prime Minister, Tomiichi Murayama, issued for the first time a public apology, "...I regard in a spirit of humility these irrefutable facts of history and express here once again my feelings of deep remorse and state my heartfelt apology..."

Each member of the Hiroshima SE Rotary Club received a medallion and during the visit our two clubs planted two more trees, this time, in Hiroshima.

On September 2, 1995, President Clinton was in Hawaii as the United States observed the 50th anniversary ending of World War II. I had

the opportunity to meet him at the Punchbowl Cemetery and presented him with a 3.5 inch medallion. So in less than one month, our club presented the mayor of Hiroshima and the President of the United States with this medallion. I have made some miniature bronze copies for my family and friends. You find the initials "DED" in the branches of the tree on the Hiroshima side of the medallion.



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Birds of Hawaii

NUMBER 5

BY IRVING KAM



Avian inhabitants of the Hawaiian archipelago have always played an important role, spiritually as well as culturally, in the lives of its native peoples, their arrival even predating that of man's. Perhaps an occasional bird was blown off course to these shores by a tropical storm, multiplying, and over a span of years, evolving into unique species found only in this island group. Many other birds, migratory and introduced, also found an ideal environment, thereby remaining to take its place in Hawaii's thriving yet delicate ecosystem.

One such feathered creature, the 'Io or Hawaiian hawk, is portrayed on the Honolulu Coin Club's latest edition of the popular Birds of Hawaii series. This year's medal feature a pair in both of its color phases defined as dark brown top and bottom, to back upper parts and light buff under parts, and often streaked. Their flight is not without labored exertion but once airborne, soaring is effortless while forming habitual wide circles on the currents of the wind. Its scientific name is *Buteo Solitarius* and is an endemic species to the Hawaiian Islands, or more specifically, the Big Island of Hawaii.

Once again, club treasurer Charlie Matsuda has done a wonderful job in designing the fifth addition to the set. Mintage of the one ounce .999 fine silver and bronze pairs is strictly limited to two hundred and fifteen sets. The 39mm medals are packaged in attractively illustrated inserts as well as matching envelopes. They will be made available at the club's annual Statehood Day Coin Show in mid-August as well as through the mail. Sales via the postal

system is \$28.00 postpaid/insured and all orders may be directed to: Honolulu Coin Club, P.O. Box 6063, Honolulu, Hawaii 96818.

Aloha! Pau.

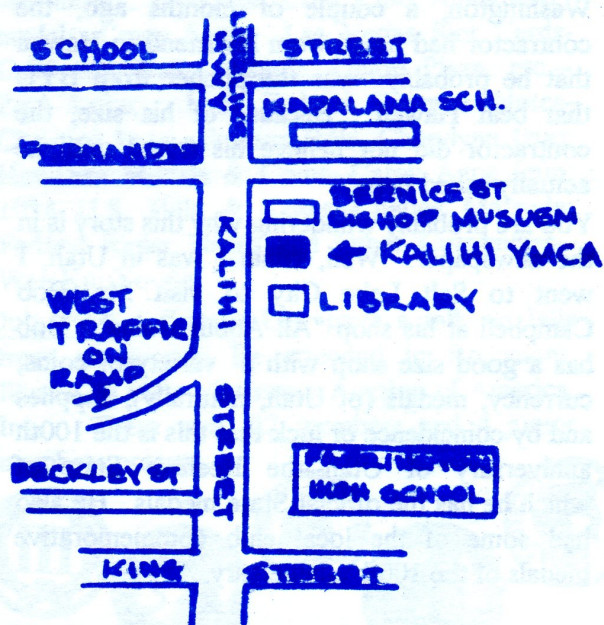
YOUNG NUMISMATIST

Christine Izuo has followed in her sister's footsteps by being selected to receive the ANA Summer Conference Young Numismatist Scholarship. She recently returned from her seminar in Colorado. She had a good time making friends and learning more about the hobby.

Christine Izuo is a member of the Honolulu Coin Club as are her older sister, Carey Ann and younger sister, Cherylynn. Her parents are also members of HCC—Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Izuo of Kailua.

NEW MEETING PLACE

Honolulu Coin Club now meets at the Kalihi YMCA, 1335 Kalihi Street because of the renovation at the Susannah Wesley Community Center. The meetings are still held every 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month at 7:30 PM.



BYU!!

BY M.F. KENDRICK

Yes, my son, Peter K., went to school at BYU in Provo, Utah. He chose to go to BYU and I supported him in his decision. Actually, he had a baseball scholarship which was a big help, financially for us but we still sent "care" packages, spending money, etc.

It has been over 16 years since I was last in Provo, Utah to watch Peter pitch at their baseball games. This year, on June 14, 1996, he received BYU's highest sports award--induction into the BYU Sports Hall of Fame. He is the second athlete from Hawaii to be so honored. Mike Moss, a catcher, was the first. We were very surprised when we found out. We were proud parents with leis from Hawaii at the induction ceremony at the BYU Cougar Club Banquet room which was under the stands of the 65,000 seat football field complex.

Peter is still remembered to this day of his feat that happened in Provo 15 years ago when he beat Hawaii in both games of a doubleheader for the WAC championship. The first game was a 7 inning game then he started the second game. He kept going inning after inning for nine innings.

When he was building his new home in Sumner, Washington, a couple of months ago, the contractor had heard from his friend in Hawaii that he probably was the pitcher from BYU that beat Hawaii. Because of his size, the contractor did not believe his friend until he actually asked Peter.

You are probably wondering why this story is in the newspaper. Well, while I was in Utah, I went to Salt Lake City to visit Mr. Bob Campbell at his shop "All About Coins". Bob has a good size shop with a variety of coins, currency, medals (of Utah, naturally), supplies and by coincidence or luck that this is the 100th anniversary of Utah--the Beehive State--of which he has the official State medals. He also had some of the local club commemorative medals of the 100th anniversary.

I was somewhat surprised and pleased to see the large area/space in front of his shop given to the local coin clubs in the area. He also has a large inventory of club items and medals. There were a couple that I was interested in. I was also interested in the WAC medals, especially in baseball.

Bob Campbell has been coming to the November HSNA Coin Show for the last three years. Thanks, Bob, for all your "help" which is another story.

If you would like to know more about Peter or Bob Campbell, ask me and maybe I'll write another article. Mahalo.

NEWS HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE COIN CLUBS OF HAWAII BIG ISLAND COIN CLUB

April 1996 - The BICC auction held on April 21, at the Sun Sun Lau Restaurant with approximately 50 people in attendance was a major success with \$15,000 worth of coins sold.

41 people were in attendance to hear Les Crowley talk about the coins of Scotland at the April club meeting. Welcome to new members Bob Husbands and also member Rick Howlsey was present.

May 1996 - There is a new location for the BICC meeting place. It is the Army Reserve Building at 470 Lanikaula. Officers for 1996-97 will be proposed at the June meeting.

Lots of interesting stories about the April auction were given at the meeting. A report was given on the auction and the club made over \$1,000. There were 32 members present. The beginning collector session, held before the regular meeting is attracting more and more members. Rob Zimmerman is doing a great job with the new group.

It was made known by the "editor" of the BICC that one of the things that make our club strong is the that we have frequent turnover in leaders, giving everyone a chance to be at the top of the

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list. We get new ideas and growth as a result, and avoid becoming stagnant.

June 1996 - Hardworking school teacher, Wayne Yamauchi has been elected president of the Big Island Coin Club. He succeeds Derrick Ah Sing, who served in the top spot for the past two years. Other new officers are Fred Woodby, vice president; Walt Southward, corresponding secretary; Byron Toma, treasurer; Jerry Kodani, sergeant at arms; and Greg Eliades, PJ Couvillon, Jim Moore and Hunter Bishop, directors. Derrick Ah Sing will remain on the board as immediate past president. A search is underway for a recording secretary, since Agnes Yamauchi, who has served in that position, indicated she will not be able to serve this year.

Membership dues are due and they're only \$9.00 a year. The first meeting at the new location was outstanding with 28 members and guests present. New member Rob Husbands made the arrangement with the Reserve for our meetings. Paul Linden has been elected president of the young collectors, with Kolea Zimmerman as secretary and Ryan Schnell at treasurer. Outstanding presentation at our June meeting by Greg Eliades on errors and varieties, complete with show and tell items for the members to review.

July 1996 - The traditional "passing of the gavel" ceremony was held. Wayne Yamauchi was installed as the 1996-97 president by long time member George Paiva as well as the rest of the new officers.

The BICC has been asked once again to handle the educational forum at the HSNA show on November 14 through the 17th on Oahu at the Queen Kapiolani Hotel.

23 members and guests were present in spite of the 4th of July holiday. Thanks to Hunter Bishop for lining up the August speaker.

HONOLULU COIN CLUB

March 1996 - A successful Collectible Show was held at the Blaisdell Exhibition Hall in

February, 1996, with over 150 dealers/exhibitors. I would like to thank all who had a part in it. See related story in paper.

April 1996 - Plans are being made for the HCC/HSNA midyear Coin Show for May 1996 at the Kapalama School Cafetorium. Discussion was held as to a new temporary meeting place due to renovations to Susannah Wesley Community Center.

May 1996 - No meeting was held at Susannah Wesley due to the start of renovation to Susannah Wesley Community Center. This will be on going for about one year. A meeting was held in conjunction with the coin show at Kapalama School cafetorium on May 11, 1996. The new club meeting place is close by--the Kalihi YMCA at 1335 Kalihi Street, with the Library on one side and the Bishop Museum on the other. The first meeting will be on the 14th of June. We had 23 dealer tables sold. There was a fair turn out.

June 1996 - The new club meeting location is now at the Kalihi YMCA. There was a low turn out due to various reasons.

Francis Loo gave a talk on currency at a recent auction he attended on the mainland. He was interested and curious as to the items in the auction on Hawaiiana-Claus Spreckels notes.

We wish to thank the following HCC members for their display at the HCC/HSNA coin show last month. Honolulu Coin Club Anniversary medals--Crane Saito; Las Vegas Slot Cards-California, Bally, Alladin, Union Plaza, etc.--Paul Luke; U.S. Federal Reserve Notes-Christine Izuo; Foreign Bills--Cherylynn Izuo; Hawaiian Medals & Coins--Carey Anne Izuo; 1934 U.S. Bills & Coins--Charles Matsuda; Federal Radar Notes and Other Curriencies--Wah Kui Young.

July 1996 - Francis Loo gave a talk on bills from an auction he attended in Rosemont, Illinois, in May --Currency Auction of America, Inc. There were 22 members and 4 junior members present.





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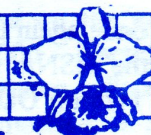
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